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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USLO PEKING

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SUBJECT: TAIPEI PRESS REACTION TO PHILIPPINE RECOGNITION  
OF PRC

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B. TAIPEI 3115

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1. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS GENERALLY FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE LINES  
IN REACTING TO THE PHILIPPINE RECOGNITION OF THE PRC, AS  
REPORTED REF B FEELING HAS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF "MORE IN  
SORROW THAN IN ANGER" AND CONCERN FOR DANGERS FACED BY  
THE PHILIPPINES.

2. PAPERS ALSO BEGAN TO DEVELOP THEME THAT RECOGNITION WAS  
AIMED IN PART AT THE U.S., I.E., PHILIPPINE DESIRE TO PURSUE  
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AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND PERHAPS PUSH FOR REMOVAL  
OF U.S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES. ACTION SEEN AS BLOW TO U.S.  
PRESTIGE IN THE REGION AND POSSIBLE THREAT TO U.S. REGIONAL  
DEFENSE.

3. STRONGEST LANGUAGE WAS USED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST WHICH CHARACTERIZED IT AS THE "LATEST BREACH OF FAITH BY OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS IN ASIA" AND SAID ITS SIGNIFICANCE WAS "AS GREAT AS...THE BETRAYAL OF JAPAN." LARGE CIRCULATION CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO CHARACTERIZED MARCOS AS THE PRS'S "JUNIOR PARTNER" IN THE THIRD WORLD BUT CONCLUDED THAT THE ROC SHOULD SHOW PITY RATHER THAN ANGER AT THE PHILIPPINES.

4. AMBASSADOR LAPUS OF THE PHILIPPINES RETURNED TO TAIPEI ON JUNE 11 AND HOSTED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION ON THE TWELFTH AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTED FACTUALLY THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DID NOT ATTEND AND THERE WAS A LOW TURNOUT OF NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE.

5. COMMENT: PRESS HAS SHOWN RESTRAINT WHICH PROBABLY ACCURATELY REFLECTS GENERAL FEELING IN TAIPEI. AFTER SOME SURPRISE AND RESENTMENT AT FIRST, WHEN THE DEED WAS DONE EVERYONE WAS PREPARED. WE BELIEVE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR EAST ASIAN SECURITY WERE ALSO INTENDED TO BE SUBTLE REMINDERS FOR THE U.S. THAT TAIWAN REMAINS A KEY LINK IN THE DEFENSE OF POST-VIETNAM EAST ASIA AND THAT PLANS FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PRC NEED RECONSIDERATION. UNGER

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